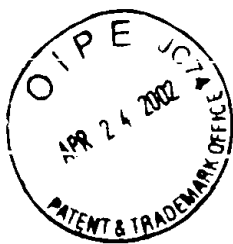


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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

**Figure 5.** Southern hybridization analysis of CLASP-5. Genomic DNA prepared by from HeLa cells (ATCC # CCL-17) was digested with EcoRI or Hind III (genomic DNA), and electrophoresed and transferred to nylon membrane by standard methods (Sambrook, Fritsch and Maniatis, 1989). For a probe, a CLASP-5-specific DNA

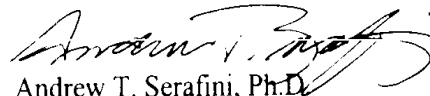
dCTP. Probe HC 5.1 is 578 bp long (spanning nucleotides 3-580 of the cDNA) and it was used to detect fragments of approximately 1.2 kb, 1.0 kb, 1.7 kb, and 8.0 kb on HindIII

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